

109TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 109

Commending the University of Oklahoma Sooners men's gymnastics team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Gymnastics Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of Oklahoma Sooners men's gymnastics team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Gymnastics Championship.

Whereas on April 8, 2005, the University of Oklahoma Sooners won their sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Gymnastics Championship, at West Point, New York;

Whereas the 2005 NCAA Championship is the Sooners' third championship in the past 4 years;

Whereas the championship title crowned a remarkable season for the Sooners in which the team achieved an impressive record of 21 wins and only 2 losses;

Whereas the Sooners clinched a spectacular, nail-biting victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes, which was made possible by a heroic final performance on the vault by freshman Jonathan Horton;

Whereas the Sooners' winning score of 225.675 set a school record and dramatically surpassed second-place Ohio State's score of 225.450;

Whereas 6 members of the University of Oklahoma men's gymnastics team, including Taqiy Abdullah-Simmons, Josh Gore, David Henderson, Jamie Henderson, Jonathan Horton, and Jacob Messina, also garnered a school-record 13 All-America honors in the individual event finals;

Whereas senior David Henderson's 2005 NCAA title on the still rings gave the University of Oklahoma its 18th all-time individual national champion and capped off an exceptional 4 years;

Whereas Head Coach Mark Williams was named the 2005 NCAA Coach of the Year, making it the third time in his distinguished career that Head Coach Williams has received that honor;

Whereas the tremendous success of the 2005 Sooners adds to the outstanding legacy of men's gymnastics at the University of Oklahoma and is a reflection of the heart and dedication of the entire school, from the president to the athletic directors, coaches, athletes, managers, and staff members; and

Whereas the teamwork, grit, and sportsmanship demonstrated by the University of Oklahoma Sooners men's gymnastics team is a proud tribute to the university and

the communities from which the team members hail:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the University of Oklahoma
3 Sooners for their sixth National Collegiate Athletic
4 Association Division I Men’s Gymnastics Champion-
5 ship;

6 (2) recognizes all who have contributed their
7 hard work and support to making the 2005 season
8 a historic success; and

9 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
10 mit a copy of this resolution to University of Okla-
11 homa President David L. Boren and Head Coach
12 Mark Williams for appropriate display.

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